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The Alpha Phi Omega induction ceremony was held on Sunday, October 27. The elected officers are: (front row) Cindy Brown, President, Lisa Berube, Secretary, Penny Gehrke, Vice President of Members (back row) Glen Wilcox, Public Relations Chairman, Paul Klimas, Vice President of Service, Mike Boyda, Boy Scout Representative, and Denise Cordrey, Treasurer.

(photo by Therese Yanan)

S-T-U-F-F Gets C-P-U

by Michael Conlon

Stuff, the college newspaper, has decided to use computers in the production of its tabloid. The decision to change over to the new system was made by Co-Editors Katherine Conlon and Robert Kinsella with the approval of their faculty advisors.

There are several reasons why this was done. First among them was cost. Under this new system, it is about one third less expensive to produce the paper than it was under the old system. Secondly, it allows the staff to do more of their own layout in the paper. Whereas before the staff did a preliminary layout and the printer did the final layout, now the staff does their own final layout.

Another added benefit of the system is that it allows the staff to process the paper more efficiently. First copies of stories no longer have to be sent from the staff to the type-setter in typewritten form. This helps to cut down on the number of mistakes. Secondly, a number of programs have or will be added that help correct spelling errors, redundancies and cliches, and in general improve the quality of the writing.

Timeliness is still another important plus regarding the new system. Before, putting the paper together could take from six to ten days. Now, a paper can be put together in about four days, and provided that the material was available, it could be done in as little as six hours.

Formerly, the printing of the newspaper was done at Cambell's Printing. While the saff was happy with Campell's, they were not able to provide the computer hookup that the Rensselaer Republican did. Mrs. Diane Jennings and Mr. Michael Davis, advisors for Stuff, are responsible for making this switch possible. Mr. Brian Capouch, the computer consultant, along with Jeanette Klodzen and Bruce Mathews, was responsible for helping make the computer hookup to the Republican possible.

Mr. Capouch explained that the system works in this way. A reporter first logs in and uses the word processor to print up his story. When he has done this, the editors are then able to look at the story at a different time to proofread it and modify it. The editor then adds certain commands to the story that send it to the Republican. This is done with a modem, modulator-deodulator. This device works by changing the commands into sounds. These sounds are then transferred to the Republican where they are turned back into commands by means of a similar device. Through a program in the Republican's computers, the stories are typeset. The next morning the stories are returned to the editors in column form. They then lay out the stories on five column grid sheets, which are returned to the Republican. From there they are photographed and printed. The two people who are involved with Stuff at the Republican are Mary Lee and Morris Barlow. It is interesting to note that until the stories are printed out, they never appear in any kind of touchable form.

In all, probably the most important factor in all of this is not the time nor money saved, or the increase in efficiency, but the fact that Stuff is one of the very few, if not the only college newspaper to be done this way. Co-Editor Katherine Conlon commented,"The staff is gaining a lot of experience by using the computer. If we continue to have such success with the computers we may be able to increase the size of the paper without increasing our workload too much."

newsbriefs

At St. Joseph's College steps are being taken to revise and hopefully improve the present judicial system of the St. Joseph's College campus. The Board of Trustees met Saturday, October 26, to approve a resolution that would make these corrective changes in the current policy.

The attention given to the problems in the judicial system apparently stems from complaints made by both faculty and students that "justice wasn't served". Corrective measures being taken deal mainly with eliminating loopholes in the policy itself as well as increasing consistency in decisions made by the judicial board. The overall purpose of the revision, however, is to make the system more understandable for the students.

The resolution must be reviewed by various committees before it can be passed. However, approval is hopeful and apparently expected. If the new policy is passed, it will go into effect in January of 1986.

At St. Joseph's College on Saturday, October 26, the Student Association sponsored a Halloween dance from 9:00 pm to midnight in the fieldhouse.

The dance featured refreshments, a live DJ, and costume judging. The winners of the costume judging were: First place-Craig Pivnicka (the Invisible Man), Second place-Tom Molloy and Shannon Lynch (2 M&Ms), and Third place-Ellen Hadala and Kate Van Gilder (Raggedy Ann and Andy).

The official induction for APO was held October 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the ballroom. APO is now nationally recognized as a charter. St. Joseph's is now officially named the Alpha Beta Iota chapter.

APO works with the Rensselaer Boy Scouts. The club worked with them on their Skills Night. APO also plans to help the Scouts sell popcorn for their money making project.

APO also made sandwiches for the band for the homecoming game. As a fundraiser, the club will be distributing credit card applications. These can still be obtained by calling ext. 337.

St. Joseph's chapter of APO was founded by members from Purdue. SJC still works with the Purdue chapter. SJC will go to Purdue to help them with their National Service Project on November 2.

Officers

Cindy Brown President
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Lisa Berube Secretary

In its second year at St. Joseph's College, the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society inducted 23 new members over Parent's Weekend. In order to be eligible, students must have had at least a 3.5 GPA their freshman year.

The present officers are: Mercedes Sheehy-Senior Advisor, John Freiburger-President, Michelle Shuck-Vice President, Christopher Nagy-Secretary, Bob Novak-Treasurer, and Annette Klinker-Historian.

The induction ceremony was held over Parent's Weekend so that the parents of inductees would be able to attend. Mrs. Diane Jennings stated, "The campus is very supportive of the society and what it stands for."

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Censorship Rumors False

Once again Puma rumor is running rampant on campus. The newspaper is being accused of censorship. The simple fact is that we are not. Stuff has AGREED not to discuss one issue, abortion. Several years ago the graduating class had Senator Birch Bayh as the commencement speaker. He was a pro-abortionist. When he began his address a group of pro-life supporters began heckling him. They used a portable bull horn so everyone could hear what they said. The incident disrupted the entire graduation ceremony.

Ever since then Stuff has AGREED not to print anything about abortion. That has not caused a problem because no one has submitted anything regarding abortion.

One important thing to remember is that the editors and advisors are totally responsible for what is printed in Stuff. We can be sued for slander just like any other newspaper. That is why editing is so important. It is my responsibility to see that what is printed in Stuff is newsworthy, in good taste, and legally safe.

What we, the editors, do is edit what is written. We do not edit letters to the editor without the approval of the author. We try not to edit them at all, but sometimes we have to.

We do edit individual stories. Mostly we edit grammatical errors. However, sometimes we have to edit out editorial comments written in news stories. News stories are supposed to present facts, NOT opinions. Therefore, they must be edited.

The student editorials are written by staff members. So far I have written them all myself, so they are not censored. I discuss my topic with my co-editor, Bob Kinsella, and then decide if it is worthy of an editorial.

This is where news judgment enters the picture. As the senior co-editor, I decide what is newsworthy and what is not. That determines whether the story is printed or not. There has to be a line drawn to separate news from junk.

Take for example these two stories. The first deals with students who get into trouble on campus and have been advised to see a psychiatrist. The second deals with enrollment and how it effects the college. The first story may be more interesting, but it is also more complicated because Stuff would have to be careful not to slander the students involved, not to mention getting all of the facts correct.

The second story may not be so interesting but it affects more people on campus. Therefore, using my news judgment, I would not print the first story. I would use the second story on the front page. If that is what you students consider censorship; then I am guilty of censoring the newspaper.

Special Thanks

The editors of Stuff would like to extend their appreciation to Tim Lax for his Halloween illustrations used in this issue.

We would also like to thank all of the people at the computer center who have made the change over to the computer system a success.

One more note of thanks goes to Cambell's Printing who has been the printer of Stuff in years past.

Almost Noble Sentiments

By Bob Kinsella

In the October 9 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education there appeared an article that I think should be of interest to all members of the St. Joseph's College Community. The article was entitled "Proposals by Vatican Seen as a Threat to Status of Catholic Colleges in U.S." It discusses "a draft of a set of proposed rules that, if adopted, would give church officials control over the world's Roman Catholic Colleges and Universities." These now-independent institutions in America would become part and parcel of Church hierarchy. According to the proposals, if the bishop over an institution of higher education deems that institution's doctrinal dedications inappropriate or offensive to traditional Catholic belief, then the bishop has a right to declare that institution no longer Catholic.

This notion seems, to me, quite absurd. The good changes that came about as a result of Vatican II (though I believe that there were few GOOD changes) would never have come about had it not been for a free-thinking, free-expression atmosphere at Catholic Colleges and Universities.

Since the very essence of education is the ability to think critically, an institution such as St. Joseph's must be able to give their students and faculty the right to question ideas and beliefs. If we accept the conclusions of the past as undeniable truths, no progress can be made in the present. If men like Galileo had continued to be persecuted for their ideas and beliefs by the Church (as he was) we would still be in the dark ages.

I realize that the Vatican is making this move in an attempt to keep Catholic belief more uniform and I know that Pope John Paul II is in no way trying to drive the Church or society back to the dark ages. However, I think this draft poses some serious problems. It is not a good trend. If bishops take this new organization too seriously, the Church may find itself with few colleges and universities. These institutions will probably choose free-thought over Church status since the former is at the core (no pun intended) of their existence. Furthermore, it is possible to question and challenge and still believe.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editors:

In this year of "Peace with Justice" when the newspapers are filled with terrorist hijackings and murders and campuses across the country are protesting U.S. involvement in Nicaragua and our "constructive engagement" policies toward South Africa, where does St. Joe's stand in its concern? Are we here at St. Joe aware of the current state of world affairs or are we comfortably hiding in our own little micro-world in the cornfields of Rensselaer?

Campus apathy has been highly publicized the past two years. But where does it begin and who is to blame? Unfortunately, there isn't any one place to point the finger. On the contrary, apathy is spread across the board — from the C.PP.S. community to the administration down through the faculty and finally to the students. Not only is it reflected in the lack of student, faculty and administration support of the social gatherings and group activities on campus, it is also apparent in the general SJC attitude on campus.

Already this year (for the seond year in a row) the Student Association has had to postpone Student Senate elections in an attempt to draw more student interest. There have also been three speakers from Latin America (one form Chile and two from Nicaragua) here telling their stories about the situation in their respective countries. Who was there? A few teachers, priests, students and some town people.

Last week was World Food Day. Who participated? To the students' credit, 536 of them gave up their numbers while only six faculty members and five priests ATE the meal in the ballroom. But with the apparent success of WFD ($250 donated to the Jasper County Food pantry and all of the left over food sent to a soup kitchen in Lafayette), why was it that the local food chains reeped the most benefits? There have been volleyball and football games, a campus play, and intramurals to participate in. Have you (the students, faculty, administration, and C.PP.S.) attended or participated? Where does the solution lie to this problem? Like all problems, solutions cannot be found in any one "cure-all" plan, but I think the apathy problem could be ameliorated with encouragement in campus activities from all sectors of the coummunity. As I found out in organizing World Food Day, many students and faculty are willing to particpate only if asked. In this way, the same 50 students, 10 faculty members and 2 priests are not the only ones doing all the planning and organizing of campus activities. We all have our own ideas and

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concerns that need to be shared. Encouragement alone, however, will not help nearly as much as intergroup particpation between "us" and "them".

Ever since I stepped foot on this campus, all I've heard about are the benefits of the much hearlded Core program. We've all heard about it. If the Core program is supposed to be so beneficial, then why is it that we have to wait until after we graduate to see the effects. How is it that only Cores 5 and 6 (the Science lab cores) are the only ones that can be experienced outside the classroom? If Core is one of the best things that SJC has going for it, which I think it is, we need to find ways to integrate Core into our everyday, social life. Book material is great, but it stays in the classroom if it can't be applied to the world around us. Core material would seem more relevant if it could be seen in real world, applicable situations outside of the classroom.

A college education then should not be restricted to the classrooms, nor should this out-of-class education deal solely with SJC and U.S. matters. If we are to become the future decision makers of this great country, are we being educated in such a way that we will make knowledgeable decisions? Is our education teaching us the world-wide implications and responsibilities of such decisions? Do we understand the growing complexities and interconnectedness of the outside world?

There is a great opportunity at SJC with the closeness of faculty-student relationships to create an aware and involved atmosphere, both about the environment around us and the world abroad. We need to utilize this repore along with finding ways to integrate Core into our out-of-classroom lives to enrich our education. We all have our own, unique concerns, interests and ideas. It is through sharing and doing something about our interests that we (ALL of the SJC community) can make our education complete and beneficial to both us and the school itself.

Sincerely,
Paul Sommers

The Mystery Of Moody's Light

by Thomas Cortes

"Let's get outa here!" complained the young man in the back seat. "Nothing's gonna happen; we'll be here all night! The driver ignored the whining freshman. He flashed his headlights once again, but slower this time. All was silent for the moment. And all would have been still but for the lazy waving of the plants in the fields. Just then, all in the automobile gasped. Down the road was seen the much sought-after speck of light. The speck gradually moved over and toward them, ahead on the road, getting larger and larger. For a while it seemed very much like a headlight. Finally the light came very close, and by now was quite large. The Freshman in the car was really squirming now. "Let's get the out of here and fast!"

The driver tried to start the car. The ignition would not turn over. "Oh God, I think my starter is busted. What are we going to do?"

"Let's make a run for it!" someone shouted. The driver gave the car one more shot. It started just in the nick of time, the light was almost on top of the car!

Not much was said on the way to the truck stop, but the freshman fianlly opened his mouth (as most Freshmen do!). "So what's the deal? What's the story behind this place?"

The driver broke in to answer, with a little authority, and a little comfort, in his voice. "Well, some say it's Old Man Moody looking for his lost son."

"Yeah, his son turned up missing, and Moody found him hung from a tree," continued the girl in the front. "The tree is the one we were parked under. That light is supposed to be the old man looking for his son."

Then came the familiar voice from behind the wheel. "There are lots of stories. Some say he killed his family, some say his wife got raped..."

"And there's a story about his white horse running away," reminded the voice from the rear which had long been silent. The car finally pulled into the parking lot of the restaraunt. As the party sat down to eat, the freshman, of course, had more (stupid) questions. "So which story is correct?"

"All of them, if you want. Every year the story gets a little better. People like to show off to the Frosh with the thing!" All got a slight chuckle out of the irony.

"If you'd like to know for sure, contact Ripley's Believe It Or Not. They were here to check it out some years ago."

"I might just do that!" proclaimed the freshman. "They ground the ass of Moody's horse into hamburger, you know!" snorted the girl across from him, as he choked on a large bite just taken.

But was there really a light standing still in the field across from their car? Ask me sometime, and I'll tell you...

"Ghost Story"

by Audra Nevorski

I stood in the middle of a field with my friends Lucy, Penny, and Kathy. It was Halloween, and the weather was just right for it; the cold wind blew harshly, and the sky was gloomy. The moon was visible only through a haze of clouds.

"This is terrible. I wish they'd get it over with," moaned Kathy, hopping a little to keep warm. She was referring to three guys who asked us to meet them there. We had no idea what was in store for us.

"They're probably gonna try and scare us," Lucy muttered.

"Here they come," said Penny. We saw three white figures coming toward us. At first I thought they were wearing sheets, but as they drew closer, I noticed that they weren't, but looked as if they had been wallowing in flour. The three men walked right by us; I could almost reach out and touch one of them. But I didn't. Their eyes were cold and staring sraight ahead. The chill I felt wasn't from the wind.

"That was our big scare?" cried Lucy, watching the figures walk through the field. We shrugged.

Then suddenly ... they were gone. I blinked. My eyes were going on me again ...

I heard a whistle, and from the opposite direction came Rob, David, and Karl. Karl flashed a thousand-watt smile and apologized for being there late.

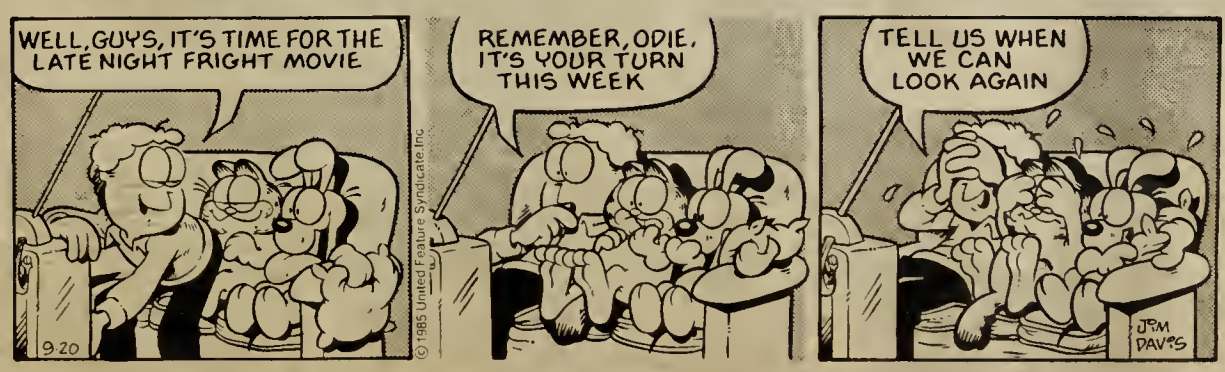
"Late?" Kathy's eyes grew wider.

"Yeah, to see the marching marauders," Rob said, putting a spooky emphasis on the last two words.

"They appear every Halloween and march across this field. See, they used to perform human sacrifices here, almost on this very spot. They were never caught, but their spirits come here and search for new victims. Annie, what's wrong?" Karl asked.

Kathy, Penny, Lucy, and I looked at each other for a long moment before we started running back to the car. We were not about to stand around and let the marauders come back for us!

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis



Team Spirit Encourages O' Connor

by Katherine Conlon

For the fourth straight year the Saint Joseph's girls track and cross country teams have benefited from the peformances of this year's captain, Kathy O' Connor. Last year the team placed first in the Little State meet due to Kathy's final kick in which she passed a member of the Manchester team. Her second place finish gave the team a small edge over Manchester.

Kathy has been running since she can remember. She explained that her whole family runs and she is no exception. In grade school she ran the 220 meters and half mile races. As she reached high school she focused on cross country rather than track. Her senior year she received honors for placing on the second conference team.

Now at St. Joe's, Kathy prefers to run the 10,000 meters. "The longer the distance, the better the race," she commented.

Unfortunaately, this year Kathy was injured for the Little State meet. She suffers from tendonitis. Theis means the tendons that stretch from her heel to her toe are inflammed. Due to the injury of fellow runner, Jackie Regnier, Kathy was determined to run in the meet.

After visiting a doctor in Indianapolis, Kathy ran in Little State. "The medication the doctor gave me didn't work. The pain was not alleviated." This year the girls placed fourth in the meet.

Kathy commented that the team was very supportive when she was injuredd. "The team has so much spirit. Everyone cheers everyone else on."

Kathy is the only senior on the cross country team this year. That leaves five of the six top runners for next year. The top six runers are: Karen Austin, Natalie Gish, Kathy O' Connor, Theresa Klingenberger, Karla Berry, and Katie Deal.

"Next year's team should be strong if coach recruits well. This year our problem occurred when Jackie and I got hurt. We had no back up runners, so the team suffered. We have a lot of talent this year, now we need some depth."

Kathy plans to continus running road races. She added,"I don't see myself geting bored with running."

Halas Brew Crew's quarterback, Jane Jones, looks down the field for an open receiver in last week's intramural football championships as referee Carl Fesh checks for a quarterback sack. The previously unbeaten Brew Crew lost 12-6 in overtime to the Halas Fools.
(photo by Ruthann Goller)

Three Puma Sports Wind Up Seasons

Football

by Anna Williamson

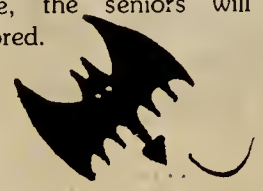
The October 19 football game at Franklin College "wasn't one of our sharper games" according to head coach Bill Reagan as the team was defeated, 25-7.

"Offensively, we moved the ball fairly well in the game although we blew two chances to score," Reagan continues. "Jim DeFalco had a good ballgame with seven solo tackles, one assist, and one quarterback sack."

Last Saturday, the Pumas upset conference foe Valparaiso University, 28-21, on the Crusaders' home turf. Scoring touchdowns for the Pumas were Pat Leonard with two and Mike Case and Ron Peters with one each. Angelo Oliva ran the ball well, finishing with 90 yards for the day.

This Saturday, the Pumas will have their third away game in a row as they face Indiana Central, another conference opponent. Senior Jim DeFalco says, "We always play tough defense against them. We're looking to our offense to put some points on the board, and if they can come through, we are guaranteed to win."

St. Joseph's football team ends the season with a home game on November 9 against Georgetown College. During the game, the seniors will be honored.



Volleyball

by Michele Keilman

In a revenge match, the St. Joseph's women's volleyball team beat Marion College. Last year, Marion won three straight, but in a major turn-around, the Pumas beat them three out of four on Tuesday, October 22. St. Joe's now has a 12 and 16 record.

All the players were given a chance to play, thus giving the freshmen some good experience. Sophomore Jenny Smith did very well and had quite a few nice hits. Junior Kelly Kerber had a good floor game.

Assistant coach Linda Deno states, "The team is on the upswing and has a very good shot at winning the conference tournament on November 15 and 16." The key to their conference finish will be the upcoming games against Lewis University and IP-Fort Wayne.

Soccer

by Tricia Gomez

The Puma soccer team was beaten by Valparaiso University on October 23 by the score of 4-0.

Despite the loss, John Knoelke, Mark LaMere, and Dan Carr played a tough game.

Looking back over the season, tri-captain Mark LaMere states, "If the soccer team could get an experienced coach who puts time into the game, they should have a good team."

The soccer team will be continuing practices and games with an indoor soccer league that lasts until February.

Despite fantastic dives by sophomore Maureen Field and junior Diane Allbritten, the women's volleyball team was defeated Saturday by Bellermine in four games.
(photos by Therese Yanan)

Halas, Merlini Prevail In IM Championships

by Celine Temple

The intramural football season concluded last week with two championship games held on October 21 and 22.

In the women's division, both the Halas Fools and the previously undefeated Halas Brew Crew played for the championship title. With the help of outstanding receiver Angela Betustak, the Fools won the game by a score of 12-6 in overtime. Captain Susan Reinmiller stated that "the Fools' record was not as good as the Brew Crew's, but we knew if we could get all our players together and get our spirit up that we would be able to win."

The Merlini Thrashers defeated the East Seifert Rat Pack by a score of 13-6, thus winning the men's championship. Captain Tony Bir commented that "the championship game was very intense and well-played. I thought that we had a good chance to win going into the game although East Seifert had beaten us earlier in the year. It was the type of game that you hate to see someone lose."

Brendan Foley, intramural football director, added that the season was quite successful as many students participated, and things ran well.